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PCM Perspective

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Overview

- **Concerns of the PCM teams**
- **Facts to be considered**

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  - **Another increase in workload**
  - **Occ Health is too complicated**
  - **Loss of Access for my patients**

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The Truth Shall Set You Fre

- **Performing these types of exams are part of getting to know your patients**
- **Occ Health and PHA should be done together**
- **PH maintains ownership and oversight of Occ Health Exam Program**

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The Truth Continued

- PCM completes clinical portion, evaluation, and follow up exams (STD and INH Program)
- Occ Health is Cook Book Medicine
  - Part of every physical exam
- Performing Occ Health and PHA together eliminates the need for additional appointments
- Develop Readiness mindset with EVERY Encounter
  - This will reduce the need to bring folks in for Occ Health/PHA Exams

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The Truth Continued

- **Only 20% of Occ Health Exams require more than an audiogram**
  - **Andrews AFB approximately 650 people in Occ Health Program (excludes FSO PCM)**
  - **80% require only audio exam (520)**
    - **Done by PH**
  - **20% done by PCM (130)**
  - **19 PCMs assigned to Andrews**
    - **6.8 exams per PCM a year**

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The Truth Continued

- **Another example**
  - **Hurlburt has 4077 people in Occ Health Program (excludes FSO PCM)**
  - **71% require only audio exam (2890)**
    - **Done by PH**
  - **29% require special physical done by PCM (1187)**
  - **8 PCMs assigned**
    - **148 exams per PCM a year**
    - **12 per month**

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Steps to Success

- **Strong support of CCs**
- **Thorough and visible training programs**
- **Breakdown barriers/paradigms**
- **Involve HCI involved early**
  - **Will be key to integration of new clinical processes**

Questions